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ICE TO REPATRIATE WOMAN WANTED FOR MURDER IN MEXICO

LOS ANGELES – A woman wanted for the shooting death of her boyfriend in Mexico more than a decade ago is expected to be returned to her native country later today to face charges. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers plan to transport Alicia Anzar-Iglesias, 43, to the border crossing at San Ysidro late this afternoon where she will be turned over to representatives from the Mexican Attorney General's Office.

Anzar is wanted on an outstanding warrant for first-degree murder issued in the Mexican State of Colima. She is charged with the November 1992 shooting death of David Preciado Gutierrez, her boyfriend at the time.

Anzar was arrested yesterday by members of ICE's fugitive operations team at the Walnut Park travel agency where she worked as an office manager. ICE officers say Anzar appeared stunned, but she was taken into custody without incident. Anzar, who was in the United States illegally, was held overnight at ICE's detention facility in San Pedro prior to her return to Mexico today.

"ICE is working with law enforcement agencies here and around the globe to protect our communities from violent criminals," said Gloria Kee, field operations director in Los Angeles for ICE's detention and removal program. "This arrest should send a strong signal to fugitives that we will not allow our borders to be barriers to bringing criminals to justice."

The identification and removal of criminal aliens like Anzar is one of ICE's top enforcement priorities. Many of these criminal aliens are apprehended by the agency's fugitive operations teams. In the first six months of this fiscal year (October 2004 through March 2005), ICE fugitive operations teams in Los Angeles arrested 1,289 immigration absconders, a 17 percent increase compared to the same period last year. Approximately 80 percent of those arrested by the local fugitive operations teams are criminal aliens.

Editor's Note: A digital photo of Anzar is available. To obtain a copy, please contact ICE public affairs at (949) 360-3096.

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